





### Local and Miscellaneous News.

**COLD WEATHER.**—The New Year came in with a vengeance. The first morning of the year was about that temperature that caused our fellow-citizen of the Irish persuasion to contemplate upon the somewhat speculative doctrine of the churchmen in regard to the temperature of the lower regions. "Bogor," says Pat, while the biting frost ran down one side of his face leaving a glassy white mark a finger's length upon one cheek, "Bogor, what a fine thing 'ould be to live in H—ll sick a mornin' as this."

The thermometer registered 40 degrees below zero and the wind blowing all the time. It was beyond all question the coldest since 1855, and some old settlers who have been in the country twenty-five years, say they never knew any thing like it.

A writer in the *Press* describing the first Legislature in Minnesota gives the following graphic description of the character of our old friend Trask who is spending the declining years of life in the obscure position of Town Clerk in Stillwater Township. We can assure his friends that however much age has impaired his physical vigor his genius is perennial and his eloquence remains as striking as ever:

The greatest thing was to hear Trask talk at Mr. Speaker and spit at the assembled wisdom. Trask's spit was by far the most eloquent part of his speech. It took a random erratic circuit, but it was sure to hit somebody every time.

**IMPROVEMENTS.**—We learn that Mr. Scheffer designs to build a fine stone building to be occupied as a bank, on the site of his present Banking House, during the coming summer. Such a building as he designs to put up will be a substantial addition to our city. It has been suggested that the county make an arrangement with Mr. S. to finish the upper story for the county offices with fire-proof walls for the records, &c. They have records of deeds and of the court exposed to loss by fire at present, a degree of improvidence but little short of criminality. What say the people and what says Mr. Scheffer!

**PERSONAL.**—We are happy to note the reappearance on our street of our old friend and fellow-citizen, Mahlon Black, now a Lieutenant in the Sharpshooters, attached to the First Minnesota. A more radical, though-going, administration—President's proclamation-nigger fighting—or any thing else—that will hurt the rebellion man can't be found.

Levy & Daniels received yesterday a few packages of New Goods by express, and among them, a small quantity of swans down and Cozy Fur—very nice—for trimming house.

The Journal is the only paper in the St. Croix Valley that published the President's Message.—*Press Journal.*

How you talk, Mr. Journal! We inured under the delusion that the *Messenger* published that document at a very early date—at least one week in advance of the *Journal*.

**EIGHTH OF JANUARY BALL.**—There will be a ball at the Sawyer House in this city on Friday evening, January 8. Music by the St. Paul Band.

Soldiers and Officers in the Army, being exposed to sudden changes, should always be supplied with "Brown's Bronchial Triches," as they give prompt relief in a Cold, Cough, or an Irritated Throat.

**TRUTH WILL SUCCEED.**—This fact needs no new proof, but it has one in the success of D. B. DeLand & Co's *Chemical Selleratus*. It has been introduced only a few years and yet we see it taking the place of all other kinds in the market. Would a bogus article do this?

A few pieces of dry, first quality Tannac wood for sale; also green oak. Enquire at this office.

The Chatfield *Democrat* says there are large numbers of wild dogs roaming through the woods, in the vicinity of that village. Some twenty or more have been killed within the past two weeks. They are said to be almost as fat and good as corn fed dogs.

**WEEK OF SPECIAL PRAYER THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.**—JANUARY 3-10, 1864.—For four preceding years the commencement of each has been thus allowed. In almost every country, in every quarter of the globe, christians have met to present their offerings of thanksgiving to God, and to plead with him for blessings both for the church and the world.

Prayer meetings will be held every day of this week in the Myrtle street church at 104 A. M. and 7 P. M. An invitation attend them is hereby extended to all.

J. L. H.

As is generally known, the President has had the variolous. As is usual, Old Abe could not refrain from his joke, for he remarked to his physician: "There is one consolation about the matter, doctor—it can not in the least disfigure me."

CARRIER BOY.

The draft and the Legislature takes place today.

**AN AGED TREE.**—The editors of the *Scientific American* have received from California a piece of wood from a tree thirty feet diameter, the annual rings upon which indicate the age of the tree to be 8,000 years. This leaves the little sapling of our ancient friends Nebuchadnezzar and Socrates standing out in the cold, and carries us back to a period long before Eve ate the fruit stolen from an apple-tree, and Adam set up for a Tailor by stitching fig-leaves into aprons for self and spouse."

—It is some account for the ridicule which has been unspareingly heaped upon Mr. Lincoln, that the London *Spectator*, one of the most intelligent and respectable journals in Europe, finds occasion for the following words about him: "Mr. Lincoln has been treated as few governors have ever been treated, and though he may not always have risen to the level of a great emergency, he has seldom failed to display a noble impartiality, a great firmness of purpose and a sagacity, if a somewhat utilitarian judgement."

We believe a just man never held the reins of government."

**CARRIER'S ADDRESS,**

TO THE PATRONS AND FRIENDS OF THE Stillwater *Messenger*.

JANUARY 1, 1864.

**WHAT** mighty throes convulse the earth! By Marfrees' field of blood, Stone river rolled the purple flood; The roaring crom's sulphurous breath Swooshed thick the cedar groves with death, But to the heart of the nation's sole, Creating millions in rejection;

Proclaiming far, from sea to sea, "Henceforth the oppressed are free!" The mighty roar of the nation's sons, The soldier Bay's "victor sons," Enclosed, heard the godlike call, Which burst their bonds and broke their thral.

The year rolls on, and treason's heat, With vengeful threat and bolling boast, Invade the North. Northern soil,

Intent on rapine, blood and spoil— But to the heart of the nation's sole, The central threat held the low, Back o'er Portnoy's waters free, And, Gettysburg becomes a name Of high renown and deathless fame.

As soldiers from the North roll on, The North's fatal march across,

And three thousand arms are stung;

The two hundred mounted guns are dumb, And seventy thousand stand of arms

No longer goal their loud alarms,

And to the heart of the nation's sole,

The rebels were vanquished in the rear;

The rebels had a Proctress there,

No pretence in the art of war.

Anon, Port Hudson's work is done,

And rebellion is on the wane.

While cannon thunder, bugles play,

And rolling drums salute the boast,

Our glorious flag in triumph floats

Over the battlefield of blood and mosa;

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But the bugle's being is stung;

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# The Stillwater Messenger.

"Be just, and fear not--Let all the ends thou aimst at, be thy Country's, thy God's, and Truth's."

VOLUME 8.

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NUMBER 18

THE  
STILLWATER MESSENGER  
STICKNEY & EASTON,  
PUBLISHERS,

Invited to subscribers for two dollars per year, if paid within six months. An additional charge of fifty cents will be made when payment is delayed beyond that time.

OFFICE IN GREENE'S BUILDING, MAIN STREET.

RATE OF ADVERTISING.

[12 lines, 100 words or less], constitute a square.]	\$1.00
One square, for one insertion, " " each half page, 13.00	
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PRACTICAL WATCHMAKER,  
SCHEFFER'S BUILDING, MAIN STREET.

STILLWATER MINNESOTA.

Repairs Clocks, Watches, Jewelry, Lamps,  
Musical Instruments, &c., &c.,  
in the best style.

B. F. EMERSON,  
SURVEYOR,  
Auckland MINN.

J. K. REINER, M. D.  
Physician and Surgeon,  
STILLWATER, MINN.  
Jan. 30, 1862.

H. F. NOYES, M. D.,  
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,  
OFFICE IN Holcombe's new stone Building,  
(up stairs), Main street, Stillwater,  
Min. east. Residence, corner of Cherry and  
Main streets.

Wm. M. McCLEUR,  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,  
LAW Office in Murdoch's Block,  
Cass street, Stillwater, Minnesota.

L. E. THOMPSON,  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,  
OFFICE IN GREENE'S BLOCK, MAIN  
STREET, Stillwater, Minnesota.

CORNMAN AND STICKNEY,  
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW,  
AND.

CLAIM AGENTS.

OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF  
the building occupied by Stickney & Bro.,  
Main street, Stillwater, Minnesota.

We will give particular attention to the pro-  
tection of soldiers' claims for pensions, back  
pay and bounties before the department at  
Washington.

L. R. CORNMAN.

FAIRBANKS'

STANDARD  
SCALES  
OF ALL KINDS.

Also, Warehouse Trucks, Let-  
ter Presses, &c.

FAIRBANKS, GREENLEAF & CO.,  
172 Lake Street, CHICAGO.

Be careful to buy only the genuine.

M. S. WILLARD,  
FURNITURE DEALER,  
Main Street, Stillwater, Minnesota.

ELEGANT, Medium and Plain Household  
Furniture, Mattresses, Looking Glasses, &c.

DAVID MEAD,  
Boot and Shoe Maker,  
MAIN ST., STILLWATER.

I S prepared to make everything in the Boot  
and Shoe line in a superior and elegant  
manner. Particular attention to the elegant  
man's boots.

Jan. 21, 1862.

C. De MONTREVILLE, M. D.,  
DENTIST,  
66-70 on Third Street, first building West of  
the Post Office.

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

On the first Monday and Tuesday of each  
month Dr. De Montreville will be at the Saw-  
yer House, and attend to any dental operations  
required.

Jan. 12, 1862.

WESTING & TORINUS,  
Respectfully call the public of Stillwater and  
the S. Croix Valley to examine their  
New Goods and Prices,

as the Goods have been purchased with care  
and at a favorable price.

They will also sell as cheap as any Second Hand  
House in the State, and will warrant every article sold.

April 28, 1862.

REMOVAL.

CARLI & CO. have removed their stock of  
Drugs, Liquors, &c. from Holcombe's  
Block, to the north end of the Lake House,  
July 12, 1862.

A. VAN VORHES,  
GENERAL LAND AGENT,

Will select land for Emigrants, Locate  
Wad Warrants, and secure pre-emption  
rights and attend to all business connected  
with a General Land Agency. Office opposite  
the Post Office.

WHITE LEAD-ZINC AND OILS—  
Just received and for sale at the lowest  
St. Paul price, by CARLI & CO.

## PROSPECTUS. 1864.

THE ST. PAUL  
PRESS,  
Daily, Tri-Weekly & Weekly.

Is universally admitted to be the  
Best Newspaper Published  
Northwest of Chicago.

Leading Republican Journal  
of Minnesota.

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## STILLWATER MESSENGER.

A. B. STICKNEY, EDITOR

STILLWATER:

Tuesday. — January 12, 1864.

New Arrangement.

On account of my connection with the public service, and the other interests devolving my attention to other editorial or business management, it is to be understood during my absence, I have deemed it to be necessary to make a change in my arrangement. I have accordingly done so; and until my return and subsequent announcement the Messenger will be published and controlled by Messrs. STICKNEY & EASTON, and W. H. WEST this and war to over.

I expect to be back again next my old friends and partners, who have become so endeared to my heart and business associations extending through the past seven years.

A settlement of all outstanding accounts now becomes necessary. Those are left in the hands of A. B. Stickney, who is fully authorized to collect the same.

The new arrangement will take effect on the first day of October, 1864.

A. J. VAN VORHES.

BILL OF LADING, Oct. 10, 1863.

The Poll Tax Law of the Last Legislature.—An Practical Operation a Swindle.

Last week we called the attention of our readers to the workings of the Poll Tax Law of the last Legislature. Facts enough had already come to our knowledge to warrant us in proclaiming the law, as executed, little better than a swindle. The fact is, the law has never been enforced in any of the counties, while in some of the counties the authorities have never attempted it. The annual statement of the State Treasurer shows the following startling facts: Thirteen counties have not paid one cent poll tax; among which are Ramsey, the second county in population in the State, and Wabasha, with a population in '63 of 3,115, almost as large as Washington, which has paid the poll tax. Hennepin county, the largest in the State, twice as populous as Washington, has paid in \$206,06. Houston county, with a population of 5,288 souls, has paid the immense sum of *fifty-two dollars and fifty-five cents*; while Steele, county, with a population of only 2,308, has paid \$300.53, while Stearns county, with about twice as many inhabitants, has paid nothing.

We have not space, neither is it necessary, to carry the comparisons further. The position we take is that a tax law which operates so unfairly as this has—without providing any adequate means by which delinquent officials can be compelled to pay the tax, and we call upon the Legislature to provide a more practical means of levying and collecting this tax, or blot out the act entire.

### EXTORTIONS.

We like the truth from whatever source it may come, but it is doubly precious when it comes from the lips of a witness whom we had given over as a persistent and successful rival of the great "daddy of liars." The *Pioneer* of the 9th has a whole column devoted to the extortions and dishonest dealings of the St. Paulites, every word of which is true, as hundreds of the citizens of Stillwater can bear witness. A few years ago it was the prevailing opinion in this city and vicinity that if a man had fifty dollars to "go a shopping with, it would be economy to hire a team and go to St. Paul to spend it rather than to lay it out in our own town. How this suicidal idea originated we are at a loss to understand. Since we have been in this country we have learned by sad experience that a man leaves Stillwater to trade in St. Paul at the expense of being most unmercifully "sucked in."

The merchants of this city, unlike the Jewry, unprincipled bawlers of St. Paul, are upright, straight-forward and honorable business men, who live upon the legitimate profits of their trade, without taking petty advantages of the ignorance or necessities of their customers. Send your orders by a child to any of the regular merchants of this city, and our word for it, you will get as good an article, and at as low a price, as though you went yourself.

We say, then, to all who have money to spend, read what the *Pioneer* says of the tradesmen of its own city, and then spend your money at home where it will help build up your own town, and not go twenty miles for the sake of being *jeuxed* out of your cash.

Adjutant General Malmros received a dispatch from Polaski, Tennessee, a short time since, stating that the "Battalion of Light Cavalry," (three companies) that was raised in this State, though a portion of the Fifth Light Cavalry had been enlisted, and would soon be at home on furlough.

Two of the companies, Captains Sheldley and Von Munden, were from St. Paul, and the other, Captain West, was from Blue Earth county.

### The Sixth Legislature.

### NEWS ITEMS.

The sixth Legislature of the State of Minnesota now in session, is composed of 26 farmers; 9 merchants; 13 lawyers; 3 lumbermen; 1 physician; 1 manufacturer; 1 civil engineer; 1 R. R. President; 1 miller; 1 stock-grower; 2 builders and contractors, and 2 hotel-keepers. The ages of the Senators range from 34 to 54 years—the Representatives from 23 to 58 years. Of the Senators, 6 were born in New Hampshire; 3 in New York; 2 in Massachusetts; 4 in Maine; 1 in Maryland; 2 in Ohio; 1 in Pennsylvania; 2 in Vermont; 1 in Germany; 1 Representative, 1 in New Hampshire; 1 in New York; 2 in Massachusetts; 4 in Maine; 2 in Ohio; 5 in Pennsylvania; 7 in Vermont; 1 in Georgia; 1 in Connecticut; 1 in Canada; 1 in Illinois; 1 in England, and 1 in Nova Scotia.

There are two single men and one widow in the Senate, and in the House there are five single men and two widowers.

On the outside is an article taken from the monthly report upon the condition of the crops, published and sent out by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Agriculture. These circulars, which are full of valuable matter, are prepared with a great deal of skill from the various returns made by private individuals and through the agencies of agricultural societies, from every county in the loyal States. The labor of collecting these statistics and of preparing them for the Commissioner is so great that it would seem impossible to find an army of self-constituted statistic commissioners, who would willingly perform the necessary labor without pecuniary compensation; and yet the returns are made so full and accurate, and the whole system is so perfect, that the Commissioner confidently claims that his figures are more nearly correct than the census which is made out at such a vast expense.

—By the explosion of a steam boiler in a morocco factory at South Danvers, Massachusetts, a Mr. Currier was killed, and two engineers were seriously injured.

—A letter from Madras says the pirate Alabama came into that port early in October, but had no communication with the shore.

—John Smith, engineer, and James Calby, brakeman, were killed by the explosion of a locomotive on the Pittsburgh road.

—The Legislature of Utah met on the 15th ult. David Wells is President of the Council, and John Taylor Speaker of the Assembly.

—A tremendous fire took place at Tiptonville, Pa., during the latter part of December, destroying twenty business places.

—By the explosion of a boiler at a distilling company seven men were hurt so that recovery is deemed doubtful.

—The Rev. James May, D. D., Professor of the Divinity School in Philadelphia, died on the 18th ult. after a short illness.

—Commodore Van Brunt of the U. S. Navy died on the 18th at Dedham, Massachusetts.

Brick Pomeroy says that if he had the filling up of hell he'd make the "bottom layer of political preachers."

If report says correctly, Brick, you are doing the full work of an incarnate devil toward peopling the Stygian realm; but whether with "political preachers" or not will depend upon their bringing up.

If you are ambitious, Brick, you must look after their early education.

Only teach them to imitate your example, and the devil himself can't find a place in hell to hot for them.

Along the many interesting spectacles witnessed by a stranger upon first visiting this city are the carcasses of dead dogs about the public streets. Five were well preserved by "Jack Frost" on Second street, near the Putnam House.

Of course the young ladies will not take any unmerciful liberties with bashful young men during this year of love.

The farmers of Southern Illinois have gathered the cotton on the high grounds, where the crops were little injured by the frosts. On the bottom lands the crops were entirely ruined. Gains are in use in every neighborhood.

—Robert Bonner of the New York *Ledger* pronounces the story he returned "no income" to the U. S. Assessors, a libel, destitute of any foundation in fact; says he has paid his regular income tax, and that it is larger than is paid by the publisher of any other weekly newspaper in the United States.

DOMESTIC ECONOMY.—No housekeeper or cook is fully prepared to enter successfully upon her culinary duties without having the *Chemical Saturator* on hand. It relieves the mind of much care and anxiety experienced by a skillful cook. For sale by most merchants and grocers.

A NEGLIGENT COUGH, COLD & SORE THROAT, which might be removed by a simple remedy, like "Brooks's Bronchial Triches," if allowed to progress, may terminate seriously.

For BROCHITIS, ASTHMA, CATARRH, and constrictive coughs, "the Triches" are used with advantage, giving often times immediate relief.

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**FREEZING—A SAD CASE.**—A German farmer, living on the Wisconsin side of the city—but whose name we can't recall, was in town on New Year's day, and after getting slightly obfuscated from too frequent libations, attempted to return to his home. Our readers may possibly remember that it was slightly cold that evening, and the poor fellow, as he meandered home, came very near freezing to death. Both of his hands were so badly frozen that he will probably lose the use of them; his face was severely nipped, and we are told that, on his arrival home, feeling an unusual numbness about one of his ears, he gave it a slight rub and a wrench to restore the circulation, but that very important auricular appendage came off in his hand!

**KILLED.**—On Tuesday last, a Swede residing in Polk county, was killed while at work chopping near Clain river. A limb fell from the tree upon which he was at work, killing him instantly. He leaves a wife and six small children.

**PATRIOTIC FAMILIES.**—A man named Baker Grinnell enlisted a few days ago at Fort Snelling, and has eleven brothers already in the service—volunteers in different Wisconsin regiments.

John McRickett is another volunteer, and one of seven brothers, all of whom have enlisted in Capt. Slaughter's company, Second Minnesota Cavalry.

The city of St. Paul pays to one hundred and eighty-eight families of volunteers five dollars each per month.

**BATTLE FLAG OF THE FIFTH MINNESOTA.**—The tattered remains of the battle-stained flag of the gallant Fifth has been sent home to be deposited in the office of the Adjutant-General.—Government having furnished the regiment with a new stand of colors. Col. Hubbard, in a letter to Adjutant-General Mather, says:

It has been borne by them on a hundred wear marches, and entered in a hundred fields, the three combatants in each being a hundred. It has been run through the discipline of the press, as the two battles of Corinth, at Jackson, at the steps and breastworks as Viehshagen, at Mechanicburg and Richmond. Its soiled and faded folds tell of a dozen campaigns through which it has been borne during the two years service of the regiment. To the veterans who are left, this flag is a memento of the unnumbered yet glorious memory of those four hundred comrades who have fallen, or become disabled by the necessities of war.

A board of officers convened by order of Gen. Grant, to investigate the claims of different regiments to honorable mention for meritorious service, authorized the Fifth Infantry to place the following inscriptions on its flag:

"Adj'tant of Corinth, Oct. 3 & 4, 1862;"  
"Jackson;"  
"Vicksburg, Siege and Assault;"  
"Bald Wood;"  
"Fort Blakely."

The flag may be seen at the office of the Adjutant-General.

**WANTED.**—At this office, from one to five thousand dollars in payment, or subscription.

**FOR SALE.**—First quality dry tanwood wood, also a first-class sewing machine, &c., will be sold very cheap, and upon most favorable terms. Apply at this office.

From a summary of weather observations during the year just past, communicated to the St. Paul *Pioneer* by a gentleman of that city, we copy the following item:

Days of fair weather prevailed on ..... 150  
Snow fell (to the amount of 35 inches) ..... 81  
It rained ..... 66 ..... 300  
Others were days of cloudiness, without fall of rain or snow.

**THE SECOND CAVALRY REGIMENT.**—The twelve companies of this regiment are full to the maximum, and some have reached the maximum number. The Adjutant-General has applied to the War Department for permission to raise four more companies of cavalry to be attached to this regiment.

**GEAD TO HEAR IT.**—Our friend and former citizen, Rev. J. H. Croft, now a resident of Taylors Falls, received us a donation, a few evenings since, the next sum of \$50.

**THE BALL LAST FRIDAY NIGHT.**—The *Sawyer House* was most emphatically the ball of the season. A large number were up from Hudson and Hastings, and several from Marine. The supper was magnificent, and our Hudson friends, who are not accustomed to that sort of thing at balls in their town, were enthusiastic in praise of the imitable taste and style in which the supper was prepared.

**LARGE BOUNTY.**—The bounties in Polk county, Wis., to recruits amount to \$72 to married men, and \$652 to singlemen. The quota of St. Croix Falls is nine; of which seven are enlisted.

Our readers will find, in another column, an interesting statement of the financial affairs of the county.

Mr. S. W. Whitmore, a former attendee of this college, now a member of the Sixth regiment, made a flying visit to his friends in this city, returning yesterday.

**A POSER.**—A little boy, who had evidently been admiring the pretty things in the show-window of a certain jeweler's shop on Main street, was standing about the sitting room the other evening, throwing out his chest and admiring his Herculean proportions. "Papa," says the child, "ain't I a big boy?" "Yes," said the father, "a great healthy boy." "Papa," continued the lad, "don't you think I'm most fit enough to have to take my belly?"

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RELIGIOUS.—The Presbytery of Minneota will meet this evening in the First Presbyterian church of this city, and will open with a sermon by the Rev. F. A. Noble of St. Paul.

There will be public service also to-morrow evening, at which it is expected that each of the ministers in attendance will deliver a short address. A cordial invitation to the meetings is extended to all.

The 14th annual meeting of the Washington County Bird Society will be held next Sabbath evening (24th inst.) at 7 o'clock, in the 1st Presbyterian church. The Rev. M. N. Adams, State Agent of the American Bird Society, is expected to be present and address the meeting. All are invited to attend the anniversary.

PERSONAL.—Lieut. Robert Hasty, of company I, Sixth Minnesota, is at home on a short visit.

THE LADIES' SOCIAL UNION will meet at Mrs. Oliver Parsons' on Thursday afternoon and evening of this week.

HIGH PRICES FOR PORK.—A slight load of dressed hams, brought from Faribault, was sold on our streets Saturday last, by the lot, at \$4 cents per pound. We hear of sales of heavy pork at 10 cents.

Wood has been coming in large quantities during the past week, the sleighing being excellent and the weather favorable. Good dry oak wood is selling readily at from \$4.50 to \$4.75 per cord.

REMEMBER the regular annual meeting of the Old Settlers' Association which takes place at Hudson, to-morrow evening. It will consist of an address by an eminent speaker, a supper, patriotic music, toasts, &c., closing with a dance at Nickard's Hall.

THE SECOND REGIMENT, having re-enlisted, are granted thirty days' furlough, and will be at home in a few days. St. Paul is making preparations to give the brave veterans a fitting reception. The City Council has appropriated \$100 toward the expenses and appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions from the citizens for the occasion.

SMALL POX AT BLUE EARTH CITY.—The Minn. Union publishes an account from a "reliable" correspondent at the above place, stating that a small pox was brought to that town by a Mrs. Neville, who lately returned from Baltimore. Great excitement prevails, a protracted meeting being suddenly terminated, the schools shut up, &c.

CHANGE OF NAME.—It is found that there are two towns in this State bearing the same name, which is contrary to the "state in such case made and provided." Another town besides the one in our county, claims the name of Greenfield, and by reason of having a prior organization, is entitled to retain the name. Our County Commissioners, therefore, at their late session changed the name of our Greenfield to that of Grays, by which name it will hereafter be known.

NEW REASON FOR BEING EXEMPTED.—Somebody—guess it's Articus Ward—tells of a man who claimed exemption from military service on the ground of having a tremendous appetite, and of having a really come to our knowledge which bears this—

would escape, living less than a hundred miles from Stillwater, went over to St. Paul and presented himself before the Board, claiming to be exempt from carrying a musket for his Uncle, on the ground that he was the son of an only nephew, and he was dependent on her for his support.

HEATING QUALITIES OF DIFFERENT KINDS OF WOOD.—In this latitude, where the thermometer occasionally drops down to thirty-five or forty degrees below zero, and where, as in this particular locality, wood sells at \$4.50 and \$5.00 per cord—short measure at that—it may be interesting to know the relative heating qualities each kind of wood possesses. We append the following:

Shelburne hickory, being taken as the highest standard, 100; pigmy hickory, 95; white oak, 75; black hazel, 72; apple tree, 70; red oak, 65; birch, 65; beech, 65; black birch, 60; yellow oak, 60; larch, maple, 59; white elm, 58; red cedar, 56; willow, 55; yellow poplar, 52; butternut, 52; white birch 49; white pine, 42.

EXEMPTIONS FROM THE DRAFT.—From a list of names—nearly four columns of small type in the St. Paul papers—of those who have been granted exemption from military service, under the act of Congress for calling out the National forces, we annex the following names belonging in Washington county:

### PHYSICAL DISABILITY.

Silkester—John Brown, Niles Carlson, Christian T. Jagger.

Denmark—Thomas Paice, James Cran, Andrew Jones Larson, Andrew Larson, Andrew John Price, Peter Johnson, Andrew Felt, Charles Anderson, John N. Stevens.

Cottage Grove—John O'Brien, Wm. Berney, Afton—A. Price, Jacob Benz.

### ALEXANDER.

Silkester—Gustavus Brown, Niles Carlson, Christian T. Jagger.

Denmark—Thomas Paice, James Cran.

Afton—Jones Larson, Andrew Larson, Andrew John Price, Peter Johnson, Andrew Felt.

Charlton—John N. Stevens.

UNSTANDBLNESS OF AOK.

Lakeland—John Carnaby, David Downing.

NONRESIDENCE.

Silkester—Patrick Leonard.

Cottage Grove—John Dailey, Irving Church.

Afton—N. Ostrom.

Newport—Reuben Freeman.

IN SERVICE ON 30 MARCH, 1863.

Silkester—James Mahony.

TWO OR MORE MEMBERS OF FAMILY IN SERVICE.

Cottage Grove—Henry Harrison Rose, Isaac Shelby Rose.

Denmark—John Connally.

FATHER OF FORTY-THREE CHILDREN UNDER 12.

Denmark—Edward Clark.

SUPPORT OF AGED PARENTS.

Silkester—John C. Brennan.

Lakeland—Barlow F. Emerson.

Cottage Grove—James Brophy.

Afton—John C. Brophy.

Silkester—Michael Leonard, Philip McDermott, Edward Stewart, John Grady, Dennis Kelly, Patrick Barron, Joseph D. Bennett, Jas. McKev, A. C. McLaughlin, Perry Organ, Thos. Colly, Dan M. Moore, Eugene Walsh, Thomas Colly, and Robert Moyer.

Baytown—Charles B. Fisk, Patrick Whalen, Jr.

Lakeland—Patrick Casey, Christian Kentz.

Morine—Charles W. Smith.

Denmark—Samuel Trevor.

St. Paul—John C. Brophy.

Silkester—Anthony Morin, Wm. Desafinay, Thomas Ward.

Baytown—Maurice Clancy.

Afton—George Cutler.

Cottage Grove—Martin Collins.

Tableaux and Sabbath School Exhibition.

An entertainment will be given in the Methodist church on Thursday evening (28th inst.) consisting of Tableaux, Recitations and Singing by the children and others. The proceeds will be expended in the purchase of a Library for the Sabbath school. The entertainment promises to be one of great interest to families living in the country, as well as to the citizens generally. A more extended notice will be given next week.

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### COAL OIL LAMPS

Lamp Shades, Chimneys, &c., we make a specialty, and no establishment in the State can offer such opportunities for selection, or at such prices. Our

### Carbon Oil

will be the purest and best the market affords, and in

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We have on hand a large assortment of

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Glasses, Tumblers, Glasses, Lager Beer, Malt

Wine and Champagne, Cigars and Cigars, Sausages,

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AND FURTHER.

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compare it with the lowest that obtain in

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this, our terms from this date will be STRICT-

LY CASH.

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lic an examination of our goods and prices.

CARLI & CO.

Stillwater, April 29, 1862.

### MORTGAGE SALE

It has been made in the conditions of

that certain indenture of mortgage dated the

5th day of October, A. D. 1857, and recorded in

the office of the Register of Deeds in and

within the County of Washington, Minn., on the

5th day of October, 1857, in the name of

John T. Kirtland having died intestate, and Anna T.

Kirtland having been duly appointed

ministratrix of the estate, and said Anna T.

Kirtland having been duly qualified and concurred

upon the duties of her said office.—Now therefore notice is hereby given that, by virtue of

the power of sale in said mortgage contained,

and made and provided, the lands and premises in

said mortgage described to wit: All that

tract or part of land situated in the city of

Washington, and all the block numbers,

lot numbers, &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c.,

and all the fixtures and furniture in and for

the use of the said lands, and premises in

said mortgage, to be sold at public auction on

the 17th day of FEBRUARY, A. D.

1864, AT 10 O'CLOCK

A. M. to the highest bidder for cash, to pay and

set off the amount that shall then be due and

paid note and mortgage and the costs and ex-

penses of sale.

ANNA T. E. KIRTLAND,

Administratrix of the estate of Jared T. Kirt-

land, deceased.

W. M. McCLELLAN Atty for Administratrix.

Dated Stillwater, Jan. 1, 1864.—17

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## STILLWATER MESSENGER.

A. B. STOCKNEY, EDITOR

## STILLWATER:

Tuesday, - - January 26, 1861.

## Report of State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The Annual Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to the Legislature of 1861, though short, is one of the ablest documents which has ever issued from that Department. In the matter of statistics, it is more full and reliable than any which has preceded it. The improvements in the School system, which are recommended, are those which have received the sanction of long experience and its recommendations are supported by strength of argument as well as by authority. We well recollect the chagrin of the friends of education when in '62 the Legislature merged the office of State Superintendent with that of Secretary of State. They then felt that it was a wanton blow at the efficiency of our system of common schools.

They reasoned that the man, who might be best adapted to perform the duties of Secretary, might not possess the "peculiar qualifications" for the Superintendent of Public Instruction. We will not say they reasoned incorrectly, but the report now before us, shows that the present incumbent, if not endowed with the "peculiar qualifications," is at least possessed of common sense which he has not forgotten to exercise even in his capacity of Superintendent of Public Schools. It is a notorious fact that we have had incompetent and miserably inefficient Superintendents when there was an independent Bureau of Education; and it is equally notorious that there is a bevy of brazen half wits who are now belaboring the Legislature for the re-establishment of the Bureau with, perhaps, the greatest knave of them all at its head. We hope the Legislature will neither be deceived nor coaxed by the brazen importunities of these unprincipled pretenders. If we are to have a separate Department of Public Instruction let it be such as Mr. Blodget recommends—nothing short. Mr. Blodget says:

"We need a man at the head of our schools whose services are richly worth, and will readily command, a compensation of at least two thousand dollars per annum; and when secured, should be provided with an assistant to perform the clerical duties of his office, in order that his own time may be devoted, in large degree, to the work of helping Teachers' Institutes, visiting School Officers in the various counties, infusing vitality and vigor to their departments, instructing them in their duties, talking to the people and leading them to a proper understanding of their own needs and obligations in respect to schools for their children; and finally, in elevating and raising up the standard of education throughout the community.

To accomplish all this will require no mean endowment; but rather than do less, it were better that the office should remain as at present constituted—since, without additional expense, it will be a State office, and at the dates required of the State Superintendent under the present system. The scope of his duties in this Department might even be enlarged, provided the Legislature feel the proper endowment of a new Bureau to be at present too great a burden. This course was pursued in the Great States of New York and Pennsylvania, up to a very recent period, and until the vast concerns dependent on the administration of the duties of the office over so large and densely settled a territory, rendered an independent Superintendency absolutely indispensable.

The gallant captor of Mason and Slidell has been brought to grief; it is hinted, by a collector of autographs. Under the law he was eligible for promotion to his present rank, if he had attained a certain age, at which he should have been placed on the retired list. His answer to the circular asking his age was somewhat evasive, but conveyed the idea that he was not past the active limit, so he became an Admiral. Meanwhile the autographists, in mousing among some waste paper cleats out from the garret of the Navy Department, when an additional story was put on that building last year, found a bundle of papers filed from the Admiral's father, and others who joined in applying for his original admission into the Navy, and these show his real age which disqualifies him for active service.

The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia *Ledger* says their telegraphed from St. Louis to the effect that the rebel authorities had made propositions to the United States government for the exchange of cotton in the Red River district for a given amount of greenbacks. Instead of any such "propositions" having been received, we have the intelligence that the rebel authorities are engaged in the removal of all the cotton likely to fall within our reach next spring and summer, the object being to have the cotton fall back upon as a reserve cash fund when the war is over.

The population of Wisconsin is now about 5,000.

## The Lumbering Operations.

## NEWS ITEMS.

## "Dr. Thackeray."

The magnitude of the lumbering operations on the St. Croix waters—of which this city is the headquarters—may be seen from the following statistics, of the amount of lumber being cut this winter, which we have carefully collected, from the most reliable sources and which may be relied on as substantially correct.

Name of river.	No. scms.	No. thousand feet.
St. Croix	287	22,300
Yellow	275	22,400
White	300	23,000
Tetaboth	33	4,700
Minnagoggin	90	8,000
Kettle	50	5,000
Cook	72	5,200
Wood	62	5,000
Ches's Brook	43	3,600
Moons	15	1,500
Cham.	36	3,200
<b>Total.</b>	<b>1,084</b>	<b>91,500</b>

To carry on these operations it requires, besides a regiment of men, 700 horses and oxen, and a cash capital of about half a million dollars. After this lumber is floated down the streams it is sorted over and the greater portion of it rafted in the log. This immense labor is all done at this place and will require more than the number of men now in the woods to drive and raft the whole amount in one year.

Besides the rafting present appearance indicate that not far from 30,000,000 feet of this lumber will be manufactured, before it leaves the St. Croix Lake, of which about 25,000,000 will be manufactured at the mills in this city.

The sale of this year's lumber will bring into the country, at present prices, upwards of a million dollars. Courage, friends, courage! With a propitious Providence and plenty of water we will have a gala day in Stillwater next summer.

**THE UNION BANNER.**—We have received the first number of a purely literary, family newspaper, bearing the above loyal and emphatic title, published at Chicago, by W. S. Spencer & Co., and edited by R. E. Hoyt. It presents an elegant appearance, typographically, and is filled with original tales, Poetry and sketches, and the very choicest selection of literary matter generally.

We think it far superior to the eastern literary papers, and we wish it success, and cordially recommend it to our readers. In their prospectus, the publishers say: "For the purpose of affording an inducement—other than that found in the value of the paper itself—for persons to become subscribers, we offer the following valuable gifts: A piano worth \$350; a gold watch, \$150; a sewing machine \$65; a melodeon \$75; a set of lady's jewelry \$50; a silver pitcher, \$20; a family bible \$15. Every person subscribing and paying one year's subscription for the *Banner*, prior to the first of July 1861, will be entitled to an equal share in the distribution of the piano, which will be made out at that time.—Price, Two dollars per year, in advance." Address, W. S. Spencer & Co., No. 55, Clark street, Chicago.

**THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF PENNSYLVANIA.**—We have received the Senate and House of Representatives of Pennsylvania on Thursday, the 11th instant, and will be present at the dates required of the State Superintendent under the present system. The scope of his duties in this Department might even be enlarged, provided the Legislature feel the proper endowment of a new Bureau to be at present too great a burden. This course was pursued in the Great States of New York and Pennsylvania, up to a very recent period, and until the vast concerns dependent on the administration of the duties of the office over so large and densely settled a territory, rendered an independent Superintendency absolutely indispensable.

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### Local and Miscellaneous News.

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### THE DRAFT.

Quotas and Deficiencies of the Towns in Washington County.

STILLWATER IS CLEAR OF THE DRAFT.

From an order of the Adjutant-General, showing the exact number each town in the State has furnished, its quota and its deficiency, we copy that portion which more particularly interests our home readers—that of Washington county. It will be seen that three towns in the county are ahead, viz: Stillwater, 11; Afton, 1; Newport, 2; and therefore clear of the present draft. The following are the figures:

WASHINGTON COUNTY.	No. Men	Furnished. Quota.	Def.
Afton.....	45	44	1
Baytown.....	28	35	12
Cottage Grove.....	35	50	15
Denmark.....	30	33	3
Lakefield.....	7	12	1
Lakefield.....	29	30	1
Marine.....	44	56	12
Newport.....	12	10	2
Stillwater City.....	12	24	12
Stillwater Town.....	19	250	231
Woodbury.....	11	34	23
County.....	1		
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The little town of Woodbury is farthest in the back ground, having furnished only 11 men, while her quota is 58. Cottage Grove shows a deficiency of 17; Baytown, Marine, Oakdale, each 12. It is no advantage to these deficiency towns that a few other towns in the county have filled their quotas, not even if the county should be ahead in the aggregate, for each town which has furnished more than its quota is credited with such surplus on future calls; so that it is each town for itself, and the draft takes the hindmost.

The Adjutant General informs us that the whole number of volunteers thus far credited to the State is 12,074.

This is exclusive of all members of the old regiments who have re-enlisted except forty-three names, that being all that have been officially reported. Other credits are expected from volunteers who have enlisted in various regiments, for which negotiations are in progress.

Three hundred and sixteen names at present exist, not claimed by any town, which will be discounted upon final adjustment, unless they shall have been sooner claimed by some other town.

RELIGIOUS.—The Presbytery of Minneota met according to appointment in the First Presbyterian church of this city on Tuesday eve (19th inst.) and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. F. A. Noble, from Gal. 2:20—"I am crucified with Christ." His subject was sympathy with Christ in his sufferings. He considered 1. Those sufferings as facts. 2. The end or design of them. 3. The way in which Christians can be, and the duty of their being identified with Christ. This is but a meagre outline of an excellent and profitable discourse.

After sermon the P.U.Y. was constituted by prayer; and Mr. Noble was chosen moderator and Mr. Howell temporary clerk. Upon calling the roll the following persons announced to the presbytery:

Ministers—G. H. Pond, John Mattcock, F. A. Noble, J. L. Howell.

Elde.—D. W. Ingerson, S. J. R. McMillan. P.U.Y. then adjourned until Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> A. M., closing with a benediction.

Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> A. M.—P.U.Y. met according to adjournment, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises. Besides the regular routine of business the following items may be mentioned, viz: The commissioners chosen to attend the General Assembly to meet at Dayton, Ohio, May 19, '64, were Rev. J. L. Howell, and W. S. Potts, Esq.; Principals; and Rev. F. A. Noble and S. J. R. McMillan, Alternates.

The P.U.Y. recommended the churches under its care to observe the last Thurs. of Feb. as a day of special prayer for children and youth, especially those collected in academies, colleges and seminaries.

Messrs. Noble and Howell were appointed a committee to bring in a report at the next meeting of P.U.Y., in which a plan shall be suggested for the introduction into our meetings of more devotional and religious exercises. The remainder of the morning session was occupied in free conversation on the state of religion within our bounds. It was a highly profitable session, and admirably adapted to effect the very desirable end of bringing into closer contact and union the members of our churches, sessions and Presbyteries. G. H. Pond was appointed to prepare a narrative of the state of religion, to be read at the evening services. Recession was taken till 7 o'clock p. m.

After recess P.U.Y. met according to adjournment, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises. Following the devotional exercises, the narrative was read by Mr. Pond.

Additions were then made by Messrs. Pond and Noble; the former on the conversion of children; the latter on what can private Christians do to promote the cause of religion. Mr. Pond drew a very instructive comparison between the efforts made by Pagans and Christian parents in training the young. Mr. Noble's address was exceedingly practical and profitable. After clearly presenting the truth that private Christians might and ought to do much he showed by many happy and forcible illustrations what they might do by prayer, example and personal influence. The audience was greatly interested, and the benefits of this meeting.

Thus closed the most profitable session of this P.U.Y. we have yet attended.

J. L. HOWELL, Clerk.

CURSE FOR FROST BITE.—A correspondent of the Milwaukee Sentinel says that "raw cotton and castor oil have restored fractured limbs when amputation was thought to be necessary to preserve life." He adds that the cure is infallible.

ROBBERY AT OSCOLA.—The County Treasurer's office at Oscola, Polk county, Wis., was burglariously entered a few nights ago, and the safe robbed of five hundred dollars in currency. The entrance is supposed to have been made by the aid of false keys, as the doors of the office and the safe were found open and the locks unjammed. No clue has been obtained as to who were the perpetrators. The Press says it is the fourth robbery it has been called upon to record within the past six months.

WANTED.—At this office, from one to five thousand cords of wood in payment of subscription.

FOR SALE.—First quality dry tamarac wood, also a first-class sewing machine, new, will be sold very cheap, and upon most favorable terms. Apply at this office.

THE "LADIES' SOCIAL UNION" meets this week with Mrs. Edward Capron on Tuesday afternoon and evening.

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